

Information Services Board Briefing Paper on State Interoperability Executive Committee Activities

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Description

The newly appointed Chair of the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) will identify and recommend appointment of four new members to the SIEC. In addition, the Chair of the SIEC will respond to several issues that were identified at the last Board meeting.

Recommendation to the Board

The Chair of the SIEC recommends the appointment of the following individuals as members of the SIEC:

- Alan Komenski, representing the Association of Washington Cities
- Commissioner Diane Oberquell, representing the Washington State Association of Counties
- Sheriff Ken Irwin, representing the Sheriffs Association
- Chief Rob Sofie, representing the Police Chiefs Association.

Status

Since the last ISB meeting, Chief Ronal Serpas of the Washington State Patrol has been appointed Chair of the SIEC.

Issues

Members of the Board at the last meeting raised several questions, and invited the newly appointed chair of the SIEC to attend this meeting to address those concerns. Specifically, the Chair of the SIEC will address the following issues and related questions:

- ◆ Staffing of the SIEC: In light of the significant scope of the requirements identified in the legislation, where will the resources necessary to meet these requirements come from?

At this point, WSP, DOT, DNR, EMD and DIS are contributing staff resources. Although few of these resources are dedicated solely to this effort, the working group continues to make progress on the inventory and other deliverables.

Because the legislation does not appropriate any funding to support SIEC activities and deliverables, what, if any, existing programs or projects will be impacted?

At this point there have been no impacts to other programs/activities. The SIEC will also apply for Homeland Security grant funding which should help on either/or the inventory and required communication plans required in HB 1271.

- ◆ Cultural Change: Because radio systems have historically been designed to address the public safety requirements of a specific region or department, there has been a reluctance to allow sharing of technology or infrastructure with external entities. How will the SIEC approach this issue and what will the SIEC do to promote and advance an attitude of interoperability?

The SIEC, after their first meeting, will provide answers to this question at the next ISB meeting.

- ♦ Timelines: The legislation imposes very stringent timelines to complete several major projects associated with the SIEC. How will these be able to be successfully achieved?

Due to the stringent timelines, an SIEC working group has been meeting to develop the radio inventory survey and begin necessary work for other deliverables required by HB 1271.

Background

Substitute House Bill 1271, introduced by Representative Glenn Anderson, became effective on July 1, 2003. The new SIEC legislation is intended to ensure that the state's investments in radio communications and spectrum licensed to the state are managed in a way to maximize investments and to further ensure that there is a maximum amount of management, accountability, and performance.

SHB 1271 requires that membership of the SIEC, be comprised, at a minimum, of individuals representing the 13 state and local agencies identified in the legislation. Nominees from nine of the required agencies were identified and approved by the Board at the July 10, 2003 meeting.